WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3877

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 10, 1992

Application of WILLIAMS BUS TOURS,) Case No. AP-92-01 INC., for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

By application accepted for filing January 8, 1992, Williams Bus Tours, Inc. (WBTI or applicant), a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a Certificate of Authority to transport passengers, together with baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

WBTI proposes to initiate operations using two owned vehicles each having a manufacturer-designed seating capacity of more than 15 persons, including the driver. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly charter rates.

WBTI's application includes information regarding, among other things, its corporate status, facilities, vehicle maintenance arrangements, driver training practices, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

At this time, the application is incomplete in two respects. First, applicant has failed to list the names and business addresses of all directors. Second, the accompanying financial statements apparently contain errors and inconsistencies. Applicant will be directed below to provide director information and corrected financial statements prior to the expiration of the protest period so that any protestants will have ample opportunity to review this information.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a Certificate of Authority, the Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform that transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of WBTI's application for a Certificate of Authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Williams Bus Tours, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, January 20, 1992.

- 2. That Williams Bus Tours, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than Friday, January 31, 1992, an original and four copies of (a) an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph; (b) a list of names and business addresses of all directors; and (c) corrected Forms E, F and G.
- 3. That any person wanting to protest the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to Williams Bus Tours, Inc., shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), by filing such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, February 14, 1992, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on applicant's representative, Karen L. Tibbs, Esquire, 1316 Upshur Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20011.
- That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter shall request one in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b) no later than Friday, February 14, 1992, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Karen L. Tibbs, Esquire, 1316 Upshur Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20011.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director

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